

## CONSPIRATORS ARE ARRESTED

Widespread Plot of Germans to Blow Up Munitions Plants

### HEAD OF THE SECRET SERVICE

Is Said to Have Been Taken When Paul Koenig Was Arrested

New York, Dec. 20.—With the arraignment of Paul Koenig, said to be the head of the German secret service in this country, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, a New York art goods dealer, on a charge of conspiring to blow up the Welland canal in Canada, federal officials asserted they had in their hands the clues to a country-wide conspiracy to blow up munitions plants which has already resulted in the loss of many lives and destruction of millions of dollars' worth of property.

For several years Koenig has been the head of the detective force employed at New York by the Hamburg-American steamship company. The company, which is subsidized by the German government, was quick to come to his aid and, through a local surety concern, supplied \$50,000 bail for him and \$30,000 bail for Leyendecker.

The arrest of Koenig and Leyendecker was coincident with the arrest by county authorities of Frederick Scheindl, clerk in the National City bank of New York. Scheindl, detectives claim, confessed that he was employed by Koenig to supply him with information regarding the shipment of munitions to the allies. This information was obtained through telegrams and letters received by the National City bank, which has had a prominent part in the purchasing in this country of supplies for the allies.

Scheindl says he received \$25 a week from Koenig, the police added. Scheindl told the police that he is a German reservist and that he acted solely from patriotic motives. Scheindl was arraigned before a police magistrate on an affidavit charging him with suspicion in the larceny of documents and messages valued at \$100,000 from the National City bank. He was held in \$25,000 bail for a hearing to-day.

Important evidence regarding Koenig's activities is understood to have been obtained from Frederick Metzler, who was arrested in connection with Koenig and Leyendecker. Metzler was also employed by the Hamburg-American line and acted as stenographer to Koenig. He was to have been arraigned with his chief and Leyendecker but at the last moment Assistant United States Attorney Wood, who is in charge of the case, announced that Metzler would not appear. Later a high federal official admitted that Metzler had offered to turn state's evidence and had already supplied the government with much valuable information.

As soon as it was known that Metzler would not be arraigned, two attorneys acting for the Hamburg-American line went to the federal authorities and asked permission to see him. This request was refused. The attorneys then offered any amount of bail to secure Metzler's liberty. This offer likewise was refused. Metzler, who had been examined at police headquarters during the night, was taken away early Saturday and no information would be vouchsafed as to where he was being held.

Another man held by the federal authorities as a material witness against Koenig was George Fuchs, about whose identity the utmost secrecy was observed. Fuchs was taken into custody but was not formally arrested and no charge was made against him. It was reported at the federal building at New York Saturday that he was in reality a

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secret service agent and that it was largely through his efforts that the alleged plot was uncovered.

A new development occurred in the case Saturday when Otto F. Mottola, a police headquarters detective, was suspended after a hearing by Commissioner Woods. Mottola was summoned before the commissioner after police said they found his name in a notebook taken from Koenig. According to statements attributed to Koenig and Metzler, Mottola was employed by the former at \$3 a day to make investigations.

The arrests are said to be merely the forerunners of numerous other arrests which will extend throughout the country. Secret service agents assert that Koenig had 27 agents in New York City alone and probably between 300 and 400 scattered about the country. The evidence against Koenig and Leyendecker will be laid before a special grand jury which will be summoned late this week. In the meantime a hearing has been set before United States Commissioner Houghton for January 12.

## CANAL AGAIN OPEN TO SMALL DRAFT SHIPS

Ten Ships Will Make Passage To-day—Ready for All Vessels Soon After Jan. 1.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Panama canal, which has been closed since Sept. 18 by the worst slide in its history, will be opened again for the passage of vessels—drawing less than 20 feet—to-day, when 10 ships, three from the Atlantic side and seven from the Pacific, will make the passage.

Exceptional progress, aided by good weather conditions, made during the last 76 hours enabled the canal engineers and dredgemen to upset the prediction that the canal would not again be opened to traffic before spring. Providing that no further earth slides occur, the canal will be ready for the transit of vessels of all drafts soon after the first of the year.

Vessels that will pass through to-day are the Newport, the Harriman yacht, the Xavaro, the Edison Light, the dredge Sandiego, the Admiral Allen, the Newton, the Acajutla, the yacht Adrea and the Cyrus Field.

### DIRECTORS WERE NEGLIGENT.

National City Bank Depositors Will Recover \$265,000.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Five directors of the National City bank of Cambridge, which was wrecked in 1909 by George W. Coleman, a bookkeeper, were found guilty of negligence in connection with the failure of that institution by Judge Bingham in federal court Saturday. Under this ruling depositors will recover approximately \$265,000. Directors held responsible by Judge Bingham are Sumner Dresser, George W. Cole and David A. Barbour. Two other directors, Edwin Light and William J. Kelley, were found not guilty. Coleman was president, and George F. Richardson, who died since the suits were instituted, and the court directed that judgments be entered against their estate. Coleman is now serving a 15-year term and William J. Kelley, convicted as an accomplice, 15 years.

### CHILD SETS BARN AFIRE.

Playing with Matches Causes Blaze in Which Stock Perished.

Stratham, N. H., Dec. 20.—His young son playing with matches Saturday morning caused a fire which consumed Arthur C. Skinner's 100-foot barn on Stratham Heights road. Two cows were rescued. Eleven cows, two horses, a flock of geese and a cat, which ran into the barn, perished. Much hay and all other contents were destroyed.

By request Exeter sent a detail of firemen, but they could do nothing.

### LETTER ARRIVES IN 55 YEARS.

Illinois Man Mailed It the Day He Voted for Lincoln.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—A letter written by Rev. Samuel Ward of Nooga, Ill., Nov. 6, 1860, the day he cast a ballot for "Good Abe Lincoln," was received through the mails at Los Angeles Saturday by Prof. W. D. Ward of Occidental college, a son of H. O. Ward of Zanesville, O., the man to whom it was addressed. Where the letter went after it was mailed will remain a mystery. The next postmark after that of Nooga in 1860 is that of College Station, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1910. The letter reached Zanesville last October and after search had been made for the addressee was forwarded to Los Angeles to Prof. Ward, who lacks three days of being as old as the letter.

### CALIFORNIA'S SMALL CLEARANCE.

Six Feet, Four Inches on Each Side as Shoe Goes Through Canal Locks.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Battleships of the California class, the biggest yet designed by the navy department, will have a clearance of six feet four inches on either side in passing through the Panama canal locks, according to the current issue of the Canal Record. The ship will have a beam of 97 feet and the locks are 110 feet wide. The battleship Ohio, with a beam of 72 feet, is the widest vessel to have passed through the locks.

### FACE COURT TO-DAY.

Two Greeks Who Murdered McIntosh and Winslow at Portland.

Portland, Me., Dec. 20.—It is expected that the two Greeks who admitted that they murdered Patrolman McIntosh and Agent Winslow of the Maine Central station at the Canal Bazaar, will go before Judge Bates of the municipal court to-day.

Such are now at the jail and are doing well.

It was found Saturday that a lame man, who, according to the story of the Greeks, tried to stop them before the shooting, was George A. Gilbert, a Maine Central gatekeeper, who went the first telephone outside of the presence of the court in the city as Capt. Oddy at the police station.

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## VILLA QUILTS IN MEXICO

Abandons the Fight Against First Chief Carranza, Advises Say

### FOLLOWERS ARE SCATTERING

His Faithful Adherents Are Bidden to "Take Care of Themselves"

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—Gen. Francisco Villa has given up as hopeless his struggle against the de facto government of Mexico, according to authoritative advice reaching El Paso Saturday from Chihuahua. The followers who still remained faithful to the man once all powerful in northern Mexico have been warned to "take care of themselves" and are said to be scattering in all directions. Many, it is said, are preparing to make their peace with the Carranza government.

Villa, in addressing the council of war at which his determination to abandon the struggle was made public, is said to have declared he would no longer sacrifice men needlessly. He is said to have been urged to abandon the revolutionary movement by his staff and advisers and also by his wife. Just what the plans of the insurgent leader are have not been made clear, although he is said to have declared he would come to the United States if he were permitted, or, if not, would go to Europe.

The Carranza forces under Gen. Jacinto Trevino already are demanding the surrender of Chihuahua, but few persons familiar with the country question Gen. Villa's ability to escape capture in that section, where he knows every hill and waterhole and where he has many friends. In fact, it was only five years ago he roamed that same territory as a bandit with a price placed on his head by Gen. Porfirio Diaz.

His real name is Doroteo Orango and he was born in Las Nieves, Durango, in 1868. His parents were of the peon class and on the death of his father he became a cowboy in western Chihuahua. His personality and traits of leadership even then were apparent, for he soon attracted a number of desperate men to him, changed his name to Francisco Villa, and lived as a bandit, subsisting by raiding and pillaging the ranches of the big Chihuahuas land owners.

Many stories are told as to the reason why Villa became a bandit, the most widely circulated being that he was outlawed for the killing of an army officer who had wronged his sister.

When Francisco Madero took the field against Diaz, Villa voluntarily cast his lot with the Madristas and performed such brilliant service that Madero was forced to recognize the peon leader. After the retirement of Diaz, Huerta, as the commander of the army under Madero, was sent north to put down the Orozco rebellion. He and Villa clashed and Villa was taken to Mexico City, under arrest for insubordination. While in prison there he taught himself to read and write.

Madero saved him from immediate execution and later he made his escape to the United States. When the north of Mexico rose against Huerta, Villa and his way across the Rio Grande into Mexico with two companies, six "borrowed" horses, \$7 in money and a small supply of corn and beans. Inside of a year he was the head of a well-equipped army of 30,000 men with a war chest of several million dollars accumulated from the seizure of rich estates. This force was armed and equipped with artillery largely from the federal forces defeated or captured by the peon general.

### Feud with Carranza Arises.

Villa's method of strategy, based largely on the guerrilla warfare of his bandit days, brought him success in every battle. Animosity arose early in 1914 between Gen. Carranza, the first chief of the Constitutional army, and Villa. Peace was patched up between them a dozen times, but each time the trouble broke out afresh. Villa declined

## SAYS BODY IS A POISON FACTORY

Urges Everyone to Drink Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast.

Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of combustible material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken day after day leaves in the alimentary canal a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not completely eliminated from the system each day, becomes food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels. From this mass of left-over waste, toxins and ptomaine poisons are formed and sucked into the blood.

Men and women who can't get feeling right must begin to take inside baths. Before eating breakfast each morning drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of Eucalypti extract in it to wash out of the thirty feet of bowels the previous day's accumulation of poisons and toxins and to keep the entire alimentary canal clean, pure and fresh.

Those who are subject to sick headache, colds, biliousness, constipation, who wake up with bad taste, food loath, backache, rheumatic stiffness, or have a sour, gassy stomach after meals are urged to get a quarter pound of Eucalypti extract from the drug store, and begin practicing internal sanitation. This will not only keep the bowels in good working order, but is sufficient to make any one an enthusiast on the subject.

Remember inside bathing is more important than outside bathing, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing poor health, while the bowels pour out. Just as soap and hot water cleanses, even so Eucalypti cleanses the skin, but water and Eucalypti phosphate act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels.

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to enter Mexico City when Carranza took possession in August, 1914.

The final break came at the time of the Aguascalientes convention, called to outline the policies of the Constitutionalist party. Carranza declined to recognize the action of the convention. Villa and Zapata joined forces and took possession of Mexico City for a time, forcing Carranza to withdraw to Vera Cruz. Up to that time, Villa never had suffered a defeat, but soon afterward he was opposed by the other military genius of Mexico developed by the revolution, Gen. Alvaro Obregon.

Obregon's forces won a decided victory and Villa retired to Torreon. There he mobilized the forces left to him, but was forced to retire again to Sonora. His last real battle was fought at Agua Prieta, across the border from Douglas, Ariz. Marching overland, Villa imagined his forces exceeded those of the garrison. It was not until he approached the town that he discovered that the United States had permitted the transfer of large reinforcements to Agua Prieta through American territory. Villa was beaten off and from that time on his men, including the higher officers, deserted him rapidly.

### Reported on Way to Border.

Late dispatches from Chihuahua City declared Villa was on his way to the border and at Juarez it was said he was expected there Saturday night or yesterday morning.

Previous to renouncing his command, Villa was united to Mrs. Villa in a civil marriage. They had been married by a church ceremony several years ago at San Andres, Chihuahua, but the civil marriage was required by Mexican law to make the tie legal. It was believed that the civil marriage would remove any moral obstacles to the entrance of Mrs. Villa and Gen. Villa into the United States.

While the retirement of Villa was upon pressure from his generals, it is not generally admitted that the revolution is ended. Indeed, it is asserted that the revolution will receive a new impetus from the absence of Villa and the substitution of a leader who is said to be Gov. Avila of Chihuahua state.

Villa's action has been rumored for several weeks, but the first indications of it came Saturday in the removal of his household goods to El Paso, following the sudden appearance of Mrs. Villa at the border from Chihuahua late Friday night. The goods of Col. Hipolito Villa, financial agent of the convention government at Juarez, were next reported coming across the international bridge. Later the wives of the brothers reached El Paso.

### CARRANZA IS INFORMED.

Obregon Says Villa's Retirement Has No Significance.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—Gen. Venustiano Carranza, chief of the de facto government of Mexico, who is near Saltillo, Coahuila, was apprised Saturday of the intentions of Gen. Francisco Villa to relinquish command of the Constitutional forces in a telegram from Gen. Alvaro Obregon at Guaymas.

Gen. Obregon's informant was Gen. Fidel Avila, military governor of Chihuahua, who by telegraph requested an interview to discuss Villa's action. That he would not negotiate with Villa himself was asserted by Gen. Obregon in his reply to Gen. Avila.

"Villa's retirement at this time has

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no significance," the telegram in reply said, "because we would have forced him to retire. If his chiefs and officials are disposed to surrender unconditionally, we will accept. Villa himself is outside the pale of the law."

## TYPHUS EPIDEMIC IN MEXICO CITY SPREADS

Some Estimates Place Number of Cases as High as 60,000—Rigorous Preventive Measures Enforced.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The epidemic of typhus fever which has claimed thousands of victims in the city of Mexico threatens to spread throughout the republic. In a public statement printed Wednesday the people are warned by the Carranza government that "the actual epidemic of typhus which reigns in Mexico City and neighboring towns has reached such an alarming and grave proportion as to threaten to propagate itself throughout the country, and for this reason requires energetic measures to combat and dominate it."

Accurate statistics on the number of cases in the capital district are not obtainable. The minimum as reported is 20,000, while other estimates place the number of cases as high as 60,000. The truth is that the deaths are so frequent as daily to necessitate long trains of funeral cars, and there is hardly a home or an office which has not had its victim.

Gen. Gonzales has detailed 500 soldiers to disinfect and clean barracks and public offices. In all the latter are to be seen printed notices reading: "For hygienic reasons department heads and employees must refuse to shake hands with visitors."

El Pueblo, an official Carranza organ, prints a plan which has been adopted in an endeavor to check the ravages of the disease. The effort includes establishment of a special sanitary police corps. Not only will public and private restaurants be closed, but passengers attempting to enter trams, public coaches or taxicabs will be inspected with a view of detaining any whose appearance might lead inspectors to suspect them of liability of transferring the disease. The sale of alcoholic beverages in restaurants and saloons is to be prohibited and all theatres and other places of amusement are commanded to close at 11 o'clock each night.

As it is now generally admitted that the only propagating agents of the disease are body lice, government officials will make a house-to-house canvass to stamp out vermin. Public bathing establishments and barber shops will be opened, and all persons of an unclean appearance will be forced to bathe and reclothe themselves. This service will be free. So far the foreign colonies have escaped serious loss, although 13 cases have been registered up to date in the American and English colonies.

### RAW PORK DANGEROUS.

Disease May be Contracted by Eating the Flesh of Hogs, in Any Form, Not Thoroughly Cooked.

There is always the possibility that illness may follow the eating of pork that is raw or not thoroughly cooked. The danger is greatest at this season of the year when many people prepare for home consumption various food products that are customarily eaten without cooking. More of these home-made products are prepared at hog killing time than at any other time.

American people as a rule prefer cooked pork, but there are many who, perhaps unknowingly, consume pork in an uncooked condition, either in the form of raw ham or uncooked sausage. In many localities considerable amounts of these products are made up and consumed at home, or distributed through out the neighborhood. Large quantities of pork products intended to be eaten raw are also prepared commercially.

Why Raw Pork Causes Illness. The disease known as trichinosis, which may result from eating raw pork, is caused by certain round worms, called trichinae. These are microscopic in size and infect the flesh of hogs. The prevalence of trichina in hogs is indicated by the fact that during nine years, 1896, 1906, when the carcasses of hogs were

inspected microscopically by federal inspectors, of 8,000,000 carcasses so inspected, 1.41 per cent contained living trichinae and 1.16 per cent contained trichina-like bodies or disintegrating trichinae. In other words and in round numbers, trichinae were present in one out of 71 hogs, and if the presence of dead trichinae and trichina-like bodies is included, in one out of every 33 hogs.

Unlike many other infectious diseases, the severity of an attack of trichinosis depends upon the number of parasites swallowed. Large quantities of slightly infested pork must be eaten in order to produce appreciable effects. If severe illness follows the eating of a small amount of the meat, the pork must have been heavily infested.

### Sources of Infection.

In about 1,200 American cases of trichinosis, the most frequent sources of infection reported were raw sausage, 225 cases; raw ham, 213; raw pork (kind of product not specified), 185. The most serious outbreak of trichinosis in the United States in the number of persons affected was that of November-December, 1911, in California, in which 58 cases, with one death, resulted from summer sausage made by a farmer and peddled by him in the neighborhood.

Another outbreak occurred in Wisconsin about a year ago in which 21 cases, resulting in three deaths, developed in five families. Early in December a hog which had been on the farm of the first family for three years was slaughtered and part of the meat made into sausage. The next day some of the sausage was fried slightly and eaten. Two of the members of this family died. There were eight cases in three other families which procured some of the sausage immediately after it was prepared and ate it raw or imperfectly cooked.

### How to Avoid Trichinosis.

To avoid trichinosis, no form of pork in the raw state, including dried or smoked sausages and hams, should be eaten. All pork used as food should be cooked thoroughly. If this is done the value or wholesomeness of the meat for food purposes is not impaired by the fact that the parasites were present in it.

According to specialists of the department, trichina die when subjected to a temperature of about 140 degrees Fahrenheit. All products containing pork which are prepared to be sold as cooked products in establishments operating under federal meat inspection are required to be cooked sufficiently to insure a temperature high enough to destroy trichina throughout all portions of the meat. Likewise, in order to protect consumers who are careless or ignorant of the danger of raw pork products of the kinds prepared customarily to be eaten with-

out cooking, such as certain kinds of hams and summer sausage, must be manufactured in accordance with methods which, it has been determined, destroy the vitality of any trichina which may be present in the pork. It has been found by investigations in the bureau of animal industry that if pork is subjected to a temperature not higher than five degrees Fahrenheit for 20 days, the vitality of all trichinae is destroyed. This is one method of safeguarding pork products that are to be eaten without cooking. Other methods followed in establishments operating under federal meat inspection consist in curing and drying the products according to certain rules which the manufacturers are required to follow.

Although products are specially prepared for eating uncooked and bear the mark of federal inspection, may be used with safety, the custom of eating raw pork is not to be encouraged. In any case it should be remembered that fresh pork, or ordinary cured pork products are not safe as food unless properly cooked. It can not be determined with certainty by inspection whether pork is free from trichinae, and the federal meat inspection mark does not guarantee the fitness of pork for food if it is eaten raw.

A practical rule for cooking pork is to cook it until it has lost its red color throughout all portions, or if a trace of this color is still present, at least until the fluids of the meat have become more or less jellied.

### P. R. R. EMBARGO COMPLETE.

Affects All Freight for New York District Except Foodstuffs.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The Pennsylvania Railroad company announced Saturday that it has placed an embargo on all freight for the New York district except foodstuffs and coal for necessary purposes. The action was taken, the company said, in order to make greater headway and to prevent an absolute blockade which had been impending.

"Due to the unfavorable conditions—snow and heavy fog—prevailing during the last week," the company said, "it has been unable to relieve the congestion of freight in the New York district, even with an embargo on freight from connecting lines."

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